## RESOLUTION 2010- 224

## RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY URGING PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 228 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 2709 PROVIDING FOR A SPECIALIZED LICENSE PLATE FOR NEW JERSEY'S GOLD STAR FAMILIES

WHEREAS, there is pending legislation, specifically, Senate Bill No. 228 and Assembly Bill 2709 which would make available a Gold Star Family license plate to recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of those New Jersey families who have been awarded the Gold Star pin by the U.S. Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, although New Jersey has numerous military and veteran-related license plates, there is currently no plate to recognize the sacrifice of our Gold Star Families; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense presents the Gold Star pin to immediate family members of service personnel who were killed in action during wartime service; and

WHEREAS, at present, 119 soldiers with ties to New Jersey have died in recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Ocean to urge passage of S-228 and A-2709 to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. That the New Jersey State Legislature is urged to pass pending bills S-228 and A-2709 so as to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation and their families by making available a Gold Star Family license plate to recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of those New Jersey families who have been awarded the Gold Star pin by the U.S. Department of Defense.
- 2. That a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Senator Andrew Ciesla, and Senate Members James Holzapfel and David Wolfe, Governor Christopher Christie, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney and Senate Minority Leader Thomas Kean, Jr., Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver and Assembly Republican Leader Alex DeCroce.

## CERTIFICATION

I, Diane B. Ambrosio, Clerk of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC Township Clerk